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**** BILL NO. ****

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDIRECTING AND STATUTORILY
APPROPRIATING TECHNOLOGY FUNDING TO E-RATE BROADBAND MATCHING FUNDS; PROVIDING
AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-534, MCA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE; PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-9-534, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-534. Statutory appropriation for school technology purposes. (1) The amount of \$1 million
a year is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, from the school facility and technology account
established in 20-9-516 for grants for school technology purposes to the office of public instruction for providing
funds for schools to use:

a) as state matching funds for special construction under the federal e-rate broadband
program pursuant to 47 CFR 54.505, provided that none of the state matching funds may be used by schools
for self-construction of their own or portions of their own networks; or,

b) by collaborating with private broadband providers to establish or improve broadband connectivity for schools
or households with students or educators with fixed wireless or wired broadband connections as identified by
district superintendents in consultation with broadband providers.

~~(2) By the third Friday in July, the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate the annual
statutory appropriation for school technology purposes to each district based on the ratio that each district's
BASE budget bears to the statewide BASE budget amount for all school districts multiplied by the amount of
money provided in 20-9-343 for the purposes of 20-9-533."~~

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2021

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to school fiscal years beginning on or

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1 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2023.

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